



# Whittingham Parish Council

16 Minster Park  
Cottam  
Preston  
PR4 0BY

Email - [wparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:wparishclerk@gmail.com)

15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP  
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1 A 0AA

Dear Sir

Further to the **Motion of No Confidence** in Preston City Council, recently submitted to you by Broughton Parish Council, I write to inform you that Members of Whittingham Parish Council also wish to submit a Motion of No Confidence.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Members of Whittingham Parish Council discussed Preston City Council's inability to deliver a 5-year housing supply and whether the recent spate of local planning applications was as a result of the Government's policy to build more homes or as a result of the City Council's interpretation of national and local planning policy.

Members also discussed whether the City Council had sufficient information to determine where new homes should be built - in accordance with the level of need - and whether they were being proactive in ensuring that the submitted applications would help with the 5-year supply position.

Members also took into account the weight of local feeling against the recent applications and felt that they had to take a stance, to continue to champion the public's concerns.

In light of the above discussions, documented in the attached **Supporting Statement**, Members RESOLVED to submit the following Motion of No Confidence in Preston City Council Planning Department.

**MIN 130** *Whittingham Parish Council RESOLVED that it has no confidence in Preston City Council planning department to undertake their statutory duties, as a result of badly flawed City Council Planning Policy. For this reason, the Council's Planning Committee cannot make effective judgements based on advice from officers.*

*The Parish Council considers the current Local Plan as not fit for purpose because the 5-year housing supply criteria, outweighs all other planning considerations in the Local Plan, including sustainability, so that a fair and balanced judgement on planning grounds cannot be made.*

*The Parish Council also considers the planning consultation process with the local community - including the Parish Council - as not fit for purpose, as the views of the local community are effectively ignored, again because of the 5-year housing supply criteria outweighing all other issues.*

*The Parish Council also deplores the decision to extend the time for the adoption of the new local plan until 2022 for reasons as yet unspecified.*

Yours faithfully

Cllr A Lewis  
Chairman Whittingham Parish Council

**C.C:- Mr A Phillips, Chief Executive Preston City Council**